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Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

Since the election is next week I would like to share a few final thoughts with the citizens of Appomattox that should be said regardless of how the big shots feel about it. About forty years ago the President who really started the socialist movement in the Federal Government said "that nothing happens accidently in politics." I now believe this to be true for a blind man could see the direction we are headed could not be accidental nor will it change under the two major parties. It seems the American people have the shortest memory in the world for they have forgotten those infamous words and even forgotten what has been done to us over the last fifteen years by Congress and four presidents.I have come to the conclusion that we are being taken for a ride even by the so called consevatives. There are a handful of true conservatives in Congress fighting to preserve our independence and regain what has been lost, but the thing that disturbs me is that the Virginia delegation is not leading the way in the fight. Now I can see some prestigious citizen who came out publicly for one of the two parties or their favorite politician, with their mouth gaping open or pointing finger after reading such a statement. I put these kind of people in the category with a judas goat, for they are trying to lead people to go out and use their so called freedom to vote, but in all actuality they are continuing to tighten the noose around our neck until our independence and liberty are completely dead. I shall no longer help tighten this noose around the neck of myself and my family. Too many people have the herd instinct, that is to follow a crowd. Furthermore I don't believe that the adults should point their fingers at the youth of our nation. How can we blame them for some of the things they do when we have such utter hypocrisy in our highest level of offices which should be the highest example of statesmanship. As long as the two major parties are controlled by the rich eastern establishment click, we shall continue down the road to abject economic and physical slavery. When theRoman Empire was heading that way with mass immorality and welfare, the people had to be entertained by a circus and that is what our government is like today--a circus. The real meaning of amusement is not-to-think and that is what the American people are not doing for themselves today--thinking for themselves. We have a choice to refuse to swap chain of good works within a community. Some might Believe Lloyd Douglas knew Dr. Clyde G. O'Brien.

Dr. O'Brien, as most of you know, is a native of Appomattox County. A graduate of the University of Richmond and the Medical College of Virginia, he set up practice in Appomattox in 1935. He's doctored her people since then, with the exception of the war years he spent in the navy. A member and, worker for, most of the community oriented clubs and causes, a list of contributions he has made would go on and one. For example, he has worked tirelessly for the American Cancer Society, is a charter member of the Lion's Club and Vice President of the Appomattox Historical Society, to name a few involvements out of many. His willingness to serve his community was recognized by the Memorial United Methodist Church last year by holding a "Dr. O'Brien Day". Yet, somehow, when you meet the man you feel there is always time for you, the individual.

Dr. O'Brien's first comment upon a request for an interview was a smiling "I really don't want any publicity." However, being to gracious to refuse time to talk with a visitor after brief expainations and pleading look, you're invited to sit down. After a few minutes it's realized that the topics of conversation have been led everywhere but around to the man being interviewed. You've enjoyed yourself, shared some laughter, felt completely at ease and upon hearing patients come in, thank him for his courtesy & take your leave. Ten minutes time & only one thing was volunteered - Dr. O'Brien's thoughts on too much government intervention in the medical practice.

The citizens of Appomattox are adament in their respect and love for Dr. O'Brien, Rev. H. Doyle Chauncey, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church where Dr. O'Brien is a member, describes him as a true Christian gentleman, who sacrificially gives of himself in service to God and his fellow man". Rev. Chauncey went on to say that it was doubtful anyone really knew all that Dr. O'Brien had done for Appomattox and her people. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN, said "In my opinion Dr. O'Brien epitomizes the finest and truest of Christian spirits. You can look the county over and not find his equal."

Janet Noble, who helped or organize the "Dr. O'Brien Day" last year sums it up by stating "he is a man who is interested in everything and everybody around him - a man who has a great deal of humility, who has dedicated his life to his work, his community and his family. As I was leavng Dr. O'Brien's office, his request was that an article about him be "sandwiched around articles about the great ones in the community."

the witch for the devil, which has been done for so long, by not voting or supporting a third party candidate if available. In respect to his country Benjamin Franklin said "the only thing a good man need do is do nothing." Only by the grace of God will we find these good men for such powerful positions, for it seems the American people have lost the will to do so.

Clyde T. Mayberry
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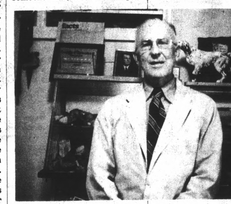
The Heart of Appomattox

by Terrie Conrad

Lloyd Douglas wrote a novel some years back and called it **Magnificent Obsession.** The main character, a doctor believed that good works were a necessary part of life. In order to benefit from these good works they were never to be talked about and the only repayment allowed was for the recipient to do a good turn for someone else, thus starting a



The Pastor Speaks

THE PASTOR SPEAKS

"We love . . . because he first loved us". God revealed that he loved us in the creation of us. We human beings are made for love. Love is a life force integral to our nature. Most of us are so busy pursuing the objects of our love that we do not stop to ponder the fact of love, the sweet mystery of it, the blessed gift of this inner power to love. When we stop to study it, we see it as a mirror of God himself. If he made us in his own image, as Scripture says, then this force of love in us is a reflection of what is in God. Some might say that since we are made for love, therefore love and brotherhood are forms of self-preservation and enlightened self-interest. Certainly human family love represents something more than a mere mutual assistance society. Something makes mothers give extra care to those ugly ducklings. Something impels fathers to sacrifice for little crippled sons who will never live to grow up and something more than enlightened self-interest leads a man to lay down his life for his friend or causes Jesus Christ to go to the Cross for even his enemies.

Not only is it more than self-interest or more biological urge, but love's primary motive is to give rather than to get. We must cultivate a Christ-like imagination to put ourselves in the places of those who differ from us in race and creed and nationality. We must try to imagine our way into the home sand longings and loves of God's children. We must look at ourselves searchingly and ask how we look to others. We must pray for the insight to judge others as we would be judged by them.

Jimmy N. Williams, Pastor
Liberty Chapel & Gladstone
Baptist Churches

The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 31, 1976

Secure in God's Love
Scripture: Romans 8:18-39

We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

By general agreement Romans 8 is one of the most remarkable chapters in the entire Bible. It does not stand alone, however. (Let us remember that Paul did not divide his letters into chapters. The division of the books of the Bible into chapters and verses was made much later, for convenience in reading and reference and to help insure accuracy in copying.) This chapter is the climax to which Paul has been building in the first part of this remarkable letter. What he has been writing about justification and reconciliation and salvation and freedom is prelude to this climax. The glorious climax is that the Christian life, thanks to the unfailing love of God, is one of victory and triumph.

The Scripture for last week's lesson ended with the comparison of the believer's freedom to the freedom of the son and heir. The freedom of the believer is not all glory and honor; it involves suffering, just as the freedom of the son and heir involved discipline and training in preparing him for freedom and its attendant responsibility. The discipline the son receives is inconsequential compared to the dignity and honor he enjoys when he comes into his inheritance. So the suffering of the believer in this life is inconsequential when compared with the glory he will enjoy in his eternal life in his incorruptible body in the Father's house. For Paul to say this, in the light of the persecution and physical torture he experienced, shows how marvelous is the believer's future in fellowship with God.

In suffering the believer learns to live in hope and by living in hope to cultivate patience. He lives in suffering and hope and patience not in his own strength, but in the strength of the Holy Spirit, who even intercedes for the believer, praying for him because the believer, being human and therefore imperfect in wisdom, does not know how to pray, that is, he does not always know what is best for him. A mature individual, looking back over his life, sees divine guidance in experiences which at the time were disappointing as well as in those which were satisfying. He sees that doors were closed to him for his benefit, even as he sees doors which opened to him to bless him. Sometimes doors closed and opened in strange and unexpected ways.

Many a believer, in reviewing his life, sees confirmed in his experience Paul's words of assurance, "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." What the individual had wanted may not have happened, but in the perspective of experience he sees that what did happen was best for him. This sort of experience enables the older believer to counsel the younger believer to live in the faith that God does the best for his good. And to live in the faith that in the larger sphere of life and human history God is working out His purpose for His glory and for humanity's blessing.

Then in a step by step process Paul explains God's expression of love for the believer To love God is a grace God gives to believers, and how he calls according to His purpose; those so called He foreknows, and those He foreknows he predestines to be born again in the image of His Son in a new creation for a new life. Those He predestines He calls to faith and commitment and service, and those He thus calls He justifies, or makes righteous in His sight. Those He makes righteous He glorifies, that is, He gives them eternal life. So Paul leads us to the climax.

This climax is that God's love is the most powerful force in creation, so powerful that nothing in all creation can separate God's called ones from His love. Sin and hell and the powers of earth can do their worst. The worst they can do to the believer is to take his mortal, physical life. When they do that, the believer is raised in an immortal, incorruptible body to eternal life with God. Through the power of God's live, the believer triumphs in victory over the forces which would destroy him. With this assurance, the believer lives secure in God's love, the only perfect security. Man wants security above all else. God gives it.

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Dennis Cuneo of Concord show off his 5 lb. 4 oz. Bass which was the last fish entered in this year's 4-H Fishing Contest. This contest, sponsored by White's Auto Store, officially ended on Friday, October 15. Winners will be announced shortly and awards made at the 4-H Awards banquet on December 16. Dennis is pictured with Miss Donna Miller, daughter of Mr. Carl Miller who operates White's Auto Store.

THANKS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The members of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club would like to thank every individual for the support and co-operation given us in helping make the Fourth Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival a success. Most of all, we would like to express our most sincere thanks and appreciation to the Town of Appomattox for allowing us to co-sponsor the festival with them another year.

To the many civic organizations whose representatives aided in the planning and execution of the various aspects of the festival, a special thanks. Those serving on the Festival Board of Directors were: The Oakville Raritan Club, responsible for the parade;The Appomattox County Historical Society, Inc., historical displays Appomattox Chamber of Commerce, The publicity; Appomattox Woman's Club, manning the registration and information booth and serving as hostesses; Woodmen of the World, for co-ordinating the recreation, including the WOW Choo-Choo Train"; Appomattox Bicentennial Commission, special train display; Spout Spring Ruritan Club, responsible for clean-up, set-up, props, and decorations;Appomattox Junior Woman's Club, arts & crafts, concessions, & music groups. We are very proud of the outstanding work done by all, especially the festival co-chairmen, Mrs. Carolyn Thompson and Miss Claudia Gordon, also Mrs. Frances Guill for serving as festival secretary & Mrs. Arlene Stratton as festival treasurer & chairman of the finance board which did an excellent job on the festival program booklet.

To the town employees who worked so long in readying downtown Appomattox for the festival and their help during the weekend,many thanks. Our compliments to the businesses for their special window displays which added so much. Also, for the endless assistance given us during the festival weekend by the town police and state police, we are most grateful. A special thanks to the businesses, organizations and individuals who supported the festival financially, by providing the parade trophies and placing advertisements in the festival program booklet.

All participants in the parade, in the arts & crafts show, in the food sales, the historical displays, & the music attractions are thanked for the vital roles they played in the festival. The music was provided by the following groups:"We the People" featuring Len & Joelle Schneider, Fellowship Four & Jackie, Josephine White-Hall, and the Rocks Quartet.

Appreciation is also extended to the following for the special services they rendered during the weekend: Norfolk & Western Railway Co., TIMES-Virginian, Appomattox County School System, Fire Dept., Jamerson Brothers Trucking Co., the local banks and WTTX for the fine job they did in promoting the festival.

It is our hope that we have not omitted expressing appreciation to anyone. Again may we say thank you all.

Appomattox Junior Woman's Club

ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

HAY PROGRAM - On October 15, 1976 the Emergency Hay Program was implemented in Appomattox County. It will be in effect until April 30, 1977. Under this program ASCS will help pay for the costs of transporting the hay or silage. The farmer will pay for the actual cost of the hay or silage itself.

Transportation assistance will be available for 20 pounds of hay (40 pounds in the case of silage) per day per animal unit for 198 days.

Maximum transportation cost assistance shall be limited to:

1. Eighty percent of the transportaion costs not to exceed $50 per ton for eligible roughage and $12.50 per ton for silage when hauled by commercial conveyance or delivered by the seller.

2. Nine and one-half cents per ton, per loaded mile, not to exceed $50 per ton for eligible roughage (except silage) and $12.50 for silage when hauled by the livestock owner in his own conveyance.

Other program provisions specify that the roughage on which transportation assistance is provided may be fed only to the applicant's livestock and eligibility under the Livestock Feed Program is not a condition for assistance under this program.

Anyone interested in this program should come into the county ASCS office and file an application.

After notification of approval under the program the producer must furnish evidence of transportation costs to the County Committee for use in determining payment. The producer shall submit a statement of transportation costs to the county ASCS Office which has been signed by the hauler and includes the date it was received by the producer; point of origin from which roughage was purchased, the final destination, total weight of roughage shipped and bill of lading if issued; and rate of charge per ton or hundredweight. When roughage is hauled by the producer in his own conveyance, the mileage between origin and destination and the name and address of the seller of the hay shall also be included. The buyer shall also provide the purchase price of roughage.

ASC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS - Farmers are reminded that November 1 is the final date for submitting petitions nominating persons to be included on the slate of nominees for the community committee elections to be held on Dec. 6, 1976. If you have been thinking about nominating someone, don't forget to get the petition signed by three eligible voters in the community and return it to the County ASCS Office by Nov. 1.

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